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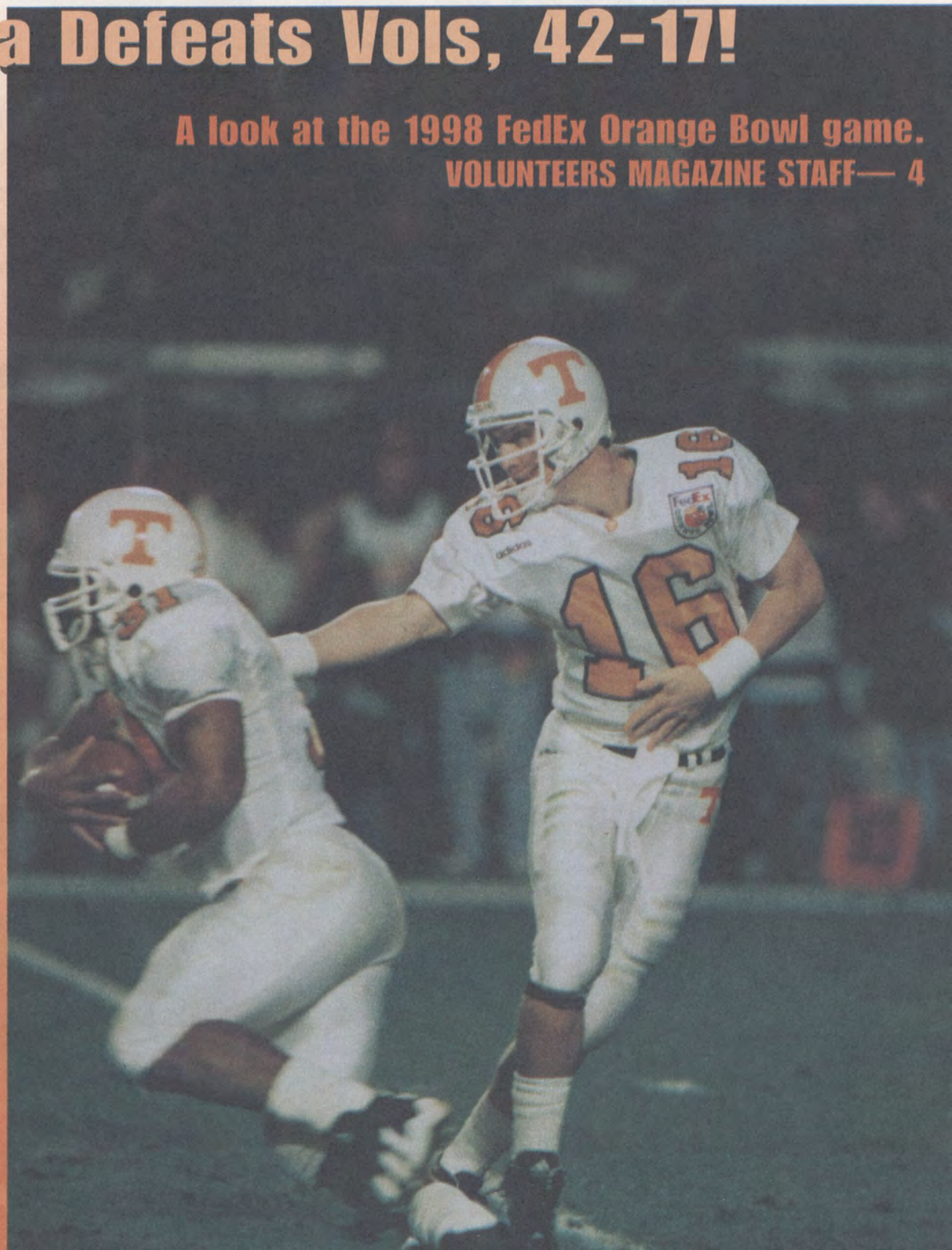

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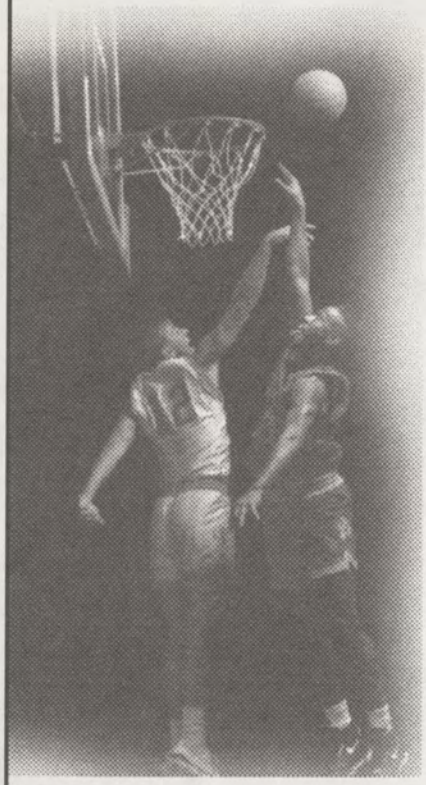

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THE FIRST WORD. . .

From the Editor

It's late December and the sounds of baseball are filling the halls of Stokely Center. You read that one correctly, as Rod Delmonico's Christmas Baseball Camp is in full swing. It's snowing outside and we're all either in Miami or headed for Miami for the 1998 Fed Ex Orange Bowl. Talk about your contrasts in weather!

With that said, we look say farewell to 1997 and look forward to 1998. It's been quite a year for the Vol athletic program and more of the same is in store for all of us next year.

All of us at Smokey's Tale/Volunteers Magazine wish you nothing but the best for 1998 and appreciate your support and patronage over the past year. Each of you are the VIPs of our operation.

We've grown over the past two years into the magazine format you get each week during football season and twice a month otherwise. We've expanded our coverage and have heard many good comments about what we're doing. We appreciate hearing from each of you.

As editor, I am always grateful for the efforts of Donnell Field, Rob Hardin, Ben Byrd, Steve Sams and Brad Laux for the time and effort they put into making this the magazine it is. They do a great job in sharing the news from Big Orange Country with you.

Donnell is responsible for layout and is our resident computer genius, in addition to penning many of the stories you read.

Rob can write a profile quicker than anybody I know and, as a former AP guy, covers the games with precision and great moxie.

Ben Byrd is our resident historian and brings his experience covering the Vols from the 1940s to you in his column each issue.

Steve Sams provides his insights in the VASF column and as our resident Phi Beta Kappa (being inducted at the same time as Peyton Manning) offers invaluable suggestions about proper grammar and word usage.

My job is literally to stay out of their way and contribute a game story each football game week. I also offer suggestions on how to make this a better publication.

BULLETIN! BULLETIN!

We have good news from the staff of our little publishing empire. Rob and Donnell are fathers-to-be and that experience will be something that will enrich them for a lifetime. We wish them and their spouses, Pam and Beth, respectively, nothing but the best in the years ahead.

BULLETIN! BULLETIN!

To each of you, we say a heartfelt thanks for your support over the past year, as we have battled mail problems nearly every day. Please know we take your concerns about the delivery of this magazine seriously and will continue to work to get your magazines to you as quickly as possible.

Keep us abreast of any problems you experience in delivery and we'll work to rectify them as quickly as we can. You can help by working with your local post office. The date on the back of the magazine is the date it is mailed in Nashville. Let them and us know if there's a problem.

Whether you're a subscriber or a contributor to the VASF, we thank you for all you do for the University of Tennessee and the Athletic Department.

Now it's on to Miami and the excitement of another bowl game. Each of them are unique and offer different opportunities. It's been 30 years since our last trip to Miami. So it's onward and upward into the bowl game and to the year of 1998.

Let's make it a good one. We'll be there to bring you all the excitement of Big Orange athletics. We appreciate having each of you along for the ride.

Best wishes from the staff of Volunteers Magazine for a prosperous 1998!

-- Tom Mattingly

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Nebraska Ends Vol Season with 42-17 Decision at Orange Bowl!

Peyton Manning lets it fly against the Nebraska defense. Manning completed 21 of 31 passes in his final game as a Vol. "I have so many memories," he said. "I'll be a Tennessee Volunteer the rest of my life." Photo courtesy of Football Time in Tennessee.

(See Fulmer File, p. 8)

Pro Player Stadium, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Jan. 2, 1998 -- You had to figure something was up in the days leading up to the 1998 FedEx Orange Bowl here tonight. It was Nebraska head coach Tom Osborne's final game in a career that saw him average 10 wins a season over 25 years. It was a game that also saw Nebraska have a chance to claim at least half of the 1997 national championship, at least the ESPN/USA Today version, and the Cornhuskers didn't disappoint on either count.

The final score was 42-17, a 25-point margin with one point, perhaps, on the board in the final margin for each year of Osborne's career. And, the Cornhuskers did, in fact, claim part of the national crown, earning theirs in the coaches poll released Jan. 3. The Vols, for their part, were seventh in AP and eighth in the ESPN/USA Today.

The Vols finished 11-2 for the season, becoming the sixth Tennessee team to win 11 games (1938, 1950, 1970, 1989, and 1995). The game marked the Vols' 38th overall bowl appearance (second all-time to Alabama's 48) and the good guys now stand 21-17. The Vols have won three of their last four bowl games and nine of their last 12 dating to the 1986 Sugar Bowl game.

For his part, Vol coach Phillip Fulmer is now 4-2 in bowl games and has a 54-11 (.831) record overall. He will enter the 1998 season ranked first among active Division I coaches (minimum five seasons) in winning percentage.

The Vols will, as you remember, open the 1998 season at Syracuse on Sept. 5. It's not that far away.

The game tonight was charac-

terized by streaks of 14. Nebraska jumped out 14-0 and saw the Vols close to 14-3 by halftime on a 44-yard Jeff Hall field goal. It was 28-9 midway late in the third as Nebraska scored twice, followed by a Peyton Manning TD toss to Peerless Price from five yards out. Finally, it was 42-9 before Tee Martin found senior wideout Andy McCullough for the score from three yards out and rookie running back Travis Stephens all alone in the left corner for a two-point conversion pass.

The Vols got off to a good start as Chris Hogue boomed (and that may not be the right word) a school bowl record 78 yarder that put Nebraska in the shadow of its goal on its first possession. Hogue, one of the Vol seniors playing their last game, also set a school bowl and Orange Bowl record by averaging 52.3 on six boots in the game.

On the ensuing possession, the Vols looked headed goalward after an 18-yard pass from Manning to McCullough, but Jamal Lewis lost the ball at left end and Nebraska cashed it in for the game's first score.

The Vols saw Nebraska grab an interception on the next series, but nothing came of that as Jonathan Brown snuffed a reverse and Leonard Little played a screen pass neatly.

Nebraska recovered a fumbled punt and turned that turnover in for another six points and it was 14-0 with 11:28 left in the first half.

Manning led the Vols back, close enough for Hall to knock home a 44-yarder and give the Vols hope at 14-3.

It stayed that way at the half as the Vols forced a late turnover at the Tennessee 14, when QB Scott Frost fumbled after being hit by Terry Fair and Brown was Tulsa-on-the-spot to find the spheroid.

The Vols tried to play the short field for another score, but ran out of time at the NU 31.

The second half was all Nebraska until Martin led the final drive for the season's final score. By that time, Cornhusker fans were shouting Osborne's name and Cornhusker players were preparing the ritual bath of some type of icy liquid.

Lewis, who ran 14 times for 90 yards and caught four passes was named the Vol game MVP.

"We had to get a rhythm going at the beginning," Lewis said. "They were stopping us at the beginning and the turnover really did hurt us."

Manning, who finished his Vol career, completed 21 of 31 passes for 134 yards and one TD. In four bowl games, Manning is 3-1 and has completed 80 of 124 passes for 913 yards and seven TDs. Overall, he amassed a 39-6 record as the Vols' starting QB and finished No. 3 in NCAA passing history with 11,201 yards and fourth in NCAA TD passes with 89, statistics which do not include bowl games.

"There's no question they're a good defense," Manning said. "They really didn't do anything that we haven't seen on film before.

"I thought we made some mistakes as an offense that kind of put ourselves in tough positions. Any time you turn the ball over, it's tough to beat a team like Nebraska. That was a disappointing thing."

Marcus Nash caught five passes for 53 yards, and Jeremaine Copeland and Shawn Bryson added four catches each.

Defensively, Tori Noel had 12 hits and Raynoch Thompson added 11. Cory Gaines had nine and Al Wilson eight. Thompson (-2), Gaines (-5), Wilson (-2), Jeff Coleman (-4), Darwin Walker (-2), Brown (-5) and Jerrod Hayden (-1) had lost-yardage tackles. Walker added a fumble recovery and Anthony Hampton forced a fumble.

Jamal Lewis hits the line for some of his 90 yards rushing on the evening. Photo courtesy of Football Time in Tennessee.

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-- VOL QUARTERBACK PEYTON MANNING

Al Wilson and Cory Gaines lead Vol defenders getting after Nebraska in the 1998 FedEx Orange Bowl. Wilson was in on eight tackles and Gaines was in on nine. Photo courtesy of Football Time in Tennessee.

The Vols are now 1-3 in Orange Bowl action, having won in 1939 (17-0 over Oklahoma) and lost in 1947 (8-0 to Rice) and in 1968 (26-24 to Oklahoma).

FULMER CONTRACT EXTENDED: Assurance that Fulmer will remain as Tennessee's head coach well into the next century was announced during bowl week by AD Doug Dickey. Fulmer and the University have come to terms on a new contract.

The agreement tacks an additional year onto the traditional five-season pact under which Vol football coaches have worked. Extending for six seasons, it increases Fulmer's financial package to $750,000 per year. That's a $145,000 annual boost for a coach who ranks first according to the NCAA for won-lost percentage among active coaches.

"The decision to reward Coach Fulmer with a pay increase and an extended contract reflects our pleasure with the status of the Vol football program under his direction," Dickey said. "We are very pleased with where he has taken us and the fact UT will continue to benefit from his leadership.

"Phillip has served us in an exemplary manner as coach, as manager of the football program and as a public figure who relates well to the legions of Tennessee fans who provide our core support. Phillip and his wife, Vicky, are highly esteemed members of our community."

The breakdown of Fulmer's new contract, a pact which supercedes the $605,000 under which he coached this year: base salary, $155,000; radio-television, $320,000; endorsements, $150,000, and retention bonus, $125,000.

"I am very pleased and grateful for the continued support and confidence shown in me," Fulmer said. "I look forward to the challenge in the years ahead with great enthusiasm."

MEN'S HOOP ACTION: The Vols saw their winning streak come to an end, falling 83-69 to Florida in Gainesville. This was the SEC opener for both teams and was the Vols' 14th consecutive loss to the Gators.

The Vols found themselves down 17-2 in the early going, but fought back and trailed 42-34 at the half. The Vols drew even closer after two Brandon Wharton free throws cut the Gator lead to 51-47.

Tennessee then had a chance to cut the lead to two points three times, but misfired each time, and never got closer than six the rest of the way.

C.J. Black hit nine of 12 shots and finished with 22 points. The rest of the starting five, however, was a combined nine of 44 from the field, and the team shot 37.3 percent.

Wharton finished with 15 points, and Rashard Lee added 15 off the bench.

LADY VOL HOOP ACTION: January 3, 1998, will be a day that goes down in history as the largest crowd ever to watch a women's basketball game (24,597) saw the No. 1 Lady Vols down No. 3 Connecticut 84-69 at Thompson-Boling Arena.

It was also a chance for Semeka Randall to show just exactly what she can do. She scored 16 of her 25

points in the fourth quarter. She was the catalyst for the Lady Vol pressure that helped put the Huskies away and end their 52-game regular season winning streak.

Tennessee scored the first 10 points of the game and eventually led by as many as 17 in the game. But the Huskies fought back and cut the lead to 49-48 with the ball and have a chance to take the lead.

Randall forced a turnover, and Kellie Jolly answered for the Lady Vols with a 3-pointer to push the lead back out to 52-48. Tennessee's pressure defense in the fourth quarter did not allow the Huskies to make a run. Chamique Holdsclaw had another solid game, scoring 25 points on a variety of moves, and Tamika Catchings added 17 points and nine rebounds.

The Lady Vols also picked up an 88-58 win over SEC foe Arkansas on Jan. 1 in Knoxville.

-- Volunteers Magazine Staff

Tennessee fans were out in force at the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2.

TENNESSEE VS. NEBRASKA STATISTICS

Team Statistics	UT	NU
First Downs	16	30
Rushing	6	22
Passing	9	7
Penalty	1	1
Rushing Attempts	21	68
Yards Gained	139	427
Yards Lost	11	18
Net Yards Rushing	128	409
Net Yards Passing	187	125
Passes Attempted	35	12
Passes Completed	25	9
Had Intercepted	1	0
Total Offensive Plays	56	80
Total Net Yards	315	534
Average Gain	5.6	6.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-2
Penalties No-Yards	5-37	8-63
Punts-Average	6-52.3	4-39.0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-4	3-31
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-94	1-29
Int. Returns-Yards	0-0	1-28
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	23:57	36:03
Third Down Conversions	2-10	4-10
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	1-2
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	1-9

TENNESSEE	**0**	**3**	**6**	**8 — 17**
NEBRASKA	**7**	**7**	**21**	**7 — 42**

1-N: Green, run 1. Brown kick.
Drive: 8 plays, 78 yards, 3:34 possession, 1:10 on clock.
2-N: Wiggins, run 10. Brown kick.
Drive: 3 plays, 15 yards, 1:07 possession, 11:28 on clock.
2-T: Hall, FG 44.
Drive: 7 plays, 35 yards, 3:00 possession, 8:28 on clock.
3-N: Frost, run 1. Brown kick.
Drive: 12 plays, 80 yards, 4:49 possession, 10:11 on clock.
3-N: Frost, run 11. Brown kick.
Drive: 6 plays, 73 yards, 2:53 possession, 5:07 on clock.
3-T: Price, pass from Manning 5. Pass failed.
Drive: 9 plays, 72 yards, 3:09 possession, 1:58 on clock.
3-N: Green, run 22. Brown kick.
Drive: 4 plays, 80 yards, 1:29 possession, :29 on clock.
4-N: Frost, run 9. Brown kick.
Drive: 9 plays, 66 yards, 3:53 possesion, 4:24 on clock.
4-T: McCullough, pass from T. Martin 3. Stephens pass from Martin.
Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards, 3:26 on clock. :58 on clock.

Rushing

TENNESSEE

	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Lewis	14	92	2	90	0	26
Levine	2	30	0	30	0	26
T. Martin	1	11	0	11	0	11
Stephens	3	6	0	6	0	4
Manning	1	0	9	-9	0	-9

NEBRASKA

Green	29	210	4	206	2	47
Makovicka	9	61	0	61	0	24
Frost	17	69	9	60	3	11
Wiggins	3	28	0	28	1	12
Sims	4	23	0	23	0	14
Newcombe	3	21	5	16	0	13
Buckhalter		2	14	0	14	0 9
Alexander	1	1	0	1	0	1

Passing

TENNESSEE

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Manning	31	21	1	134	1	20
T. Martin	4	4	0	53	1	29

NEBRASKA

Frost	12	9	0	125	0	29

Receiving

TENNESSEE

	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Nash	5	53	0	20
Copeland	4	30	0	13
Bryson	4	25	0	8
Lewis	4	4	0	3
McCullough	3	50	1	29
Price	3	9	1	5
C. Wilson	1	13	0	13
Edmonds	1	3	0	3

NEBRASKA

Jackson	4	56	0	25
Green	3	31	0	29
Newcombe	1	22	0	22
Davison	1	16	0	16

Punting

TENNESSEE

	No.	Yards.	Avg.	Long
Hogue	6	314	52.3	78

NEBRASKA

Kosch	4	156	39.0	56

Field Goals

TENNESSEE

	Att.	Made	Long
Hall	1	1	44

All Returns

TENNESSEE

	Punts			Kickoffs			Int.		
	No.	Yds.	LP	No.	Yds	LP	No.	Yds.	LP
C. Wilson				3	57	27			
Darden				2	37	22			
Fair	2	(-4)	0						

NEBRASKA

Newcombe	2	22	11						
Wiggins	1	9	9	1	29	29			
Warfield							1	28	28

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

TENNESSEE

UT/TOTAL

Noel	12/12
Thompson	10/11
Gaines	8/9
A. Wilson	6/8
Fair	6/6
Griffin	5/5
Grant	4/5
Little	2/5
Coleman	3/4
Walker	3/4
Hampton	2/4
Brown	3/3
Hayden	2/3
Green	1/3
Buxton	1/2
Duff	1/2
White	1/1
Bryson	1/1
Allen	1/1
St. Johnson	1/1
Ellis	0/1
Lewis	0/1
Sh. Johnson	0/1

NEBRASKA

Tackles

Peter	6/7
Swiney	5/5
M. Brown	5/5
Ortiz	5/5
Foreman	3/5
Warfield	4/4
Rucker	3/3
McFarlin	2/3
Harrison	2/2
Wistrom	2/2
Walker	2/2
Warren	1/1
Fischer	1/1
Johnson	1/1
Legate	1/1
R. Brown	1/1
Finley	1/1
Buckhalter	1/1
Kelsay	0/1
Polk	0/1

Miscellaneous Defensive Statistics:

Tackles for loss: Tennessee 7 (Thompson, Gaines, A. Wilson, Little, Coleman, Brown, Hayden), Nebraska 2 (Rucker, Wistrom).

Forced fumbles: Tennessee 2 (Wilson, Hampton), Nebraska 1 (Legate).

Passes broken up: Tennessee 0, Nebraska 3 (Swiney, M. Brown, Wistrom).

Fumble recoveries: Tennessee 2 (Walker, Brown), Nebraksa 2 (Rucker, L. Brown).

Fulmer File...
1998 ORANGE BOWL

Meeting with the squad after the Orange Bowl game, I told our players I wanted them to come away from the season with great memories of everything good that happened to this team, especially the Southeastern Conference championship.

The theory behind bowl pairings, of course, is that you are matched against teams that are pretty close to you in the rankings.

It was our fortune -- or misfortune, if you want to call it that -- to be pitted against a Nebraska team that was one notch ahead of us in the rankings and was still hopeful of winning the national championship.

Usually, I don't make known my picks in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll, but I made an exception after our 42-17 loss to the Cornhuskers. My vote went to Nebraska, a team that absolutely destroyed us in the third period of the Orange Bowl.

When we went to the locker room at halftime, I felt good. And why not? After giving up three turnovers in the first 17 minutes, we were trailing by only 11 points at 14-3. We came out for the second half determined to set the tempo for the remainder of the game.

Sad to say, though, the Cornhuskers had a similar idea and were able to get the jump on us with two quick touchdowns. We weren't out of it at that stage, but when they continued to dominate us physically, any chance of pulling out a comeback victory vanished.

My congratulations go to Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne, his staff and players for an outstanding performance worthy of a national championship. The pollsters will have the final word collectively, but the Scarlet and Cream wins my vote.

Bright spots are hard to find in a thorough beating such as this, but Tennessee people have at least one to remember. Tee Martin came in for the last four minutes and directed us smartly down the field for only our second touchdown. The thought of spring practice is much more cheerful when we realize Tee is the heir apparent to our great senior, Peyton Manning.

In the first half, we accomplished what we set out to do, slowing the Cornhuskers' running game. Nebraska can run, and it can pass. But the passing is the lesser of the two evils, we felt, and we were hoping to be able to limit the Cornhuskers' ground attack.

Nebraska's multiplicity of offense is a special challenge. As I told the media all week, the problem with the Cornhuskers is that if you stop them doing one thing, they'll come back and kill you with something different. They really didn't change a lot as the game went along, but Nebraska's execution got sharper by the minute. We gave it a good effort, but simply couldn't handle all the things they threw at us.

The contract extension I received was greeted as good news in the Fulmer household, certainly viewed as an indication our football program is on the right track. Even though the contract expires after the 2003 season, I plan to be here long after that. Elation at the announcement of the contract was tempered by the sobering thought how much responsibility is entailed in keeping the Vols in the forefront of college football.

Our staff is always alert to the necessity of doing things the right way, from recruiting, to building good relationships with players and their families, to conducting the program in a productive manner and to meeting the needs of others as members of our community.

Along that line, you should be pleased to know that I will hit the road recruiting even before returning to Knoxville. Selling young men on our University and our football program is the lifeblood of our program, and we always intend to go full blast in bringing outstanding student-athletes to U.T.

—Phillip Fulmer

"You Vol fans are at the core of our operation, and I am especially grateful for the support you provide with your donations and your attendance at our events. It's heartening to be on the road and look up to the stands where the orange is always well represented. Don't think our players don't appreciate the crowd support we received at the SEC Championship Game and at the Orange Bowl in Fort Lauderdale. I promise that the staff and I will work hard to justify the trust that has been placed in us."

— Phillip Fulmer

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Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols...

A Look Back at Wiener and Widseth

Twenty years before Ernie Grunfeld and Bernard King came along, University of Tennessee basketball had another pair of cage stars form a pretty hot tandem of their own.

Their names were Ed Wiener and Carl Widseth, and like Grunfeld and King, those two names are almost always linked together when longtime Vol-watchers recall their daring deeds.

Ed Wiener was a 6-3 forward from brooklyn who came to UT with little fanfare because he had played very little high school basketball. The coaches were on strike during his senior year, when he would have been a starter and probably a star, but one of Coach Emmett Lowery's connections spotted him in youth league play, and Lowery took a chance on the youngster. It turned out to be one of his best recruiting projects.

Wiener, now a memphis dentist, held down the right forward position for three seasons, 1953-54-55, winning All-SEC and Helms All-America honors. Ed posed a double threat for defenders. If his guard lay back off of him he had a deadly one-hand set shot from the 15 to 20-foot range. But crowding him was even more risky. To this day I can't recall a Vol player with a quicker first step from the wing, and most of his points were scored off hard-driving layups.

Wiener averaged 16.2 points and 7.4 rebounds per game over his 75-game varsity career, which included 10 brief appearances as a freshman in 1952. His greatest game was a 30-point performance in an 80-76 triumph over Vanderbilt at Nashville in the finale of the 1953-54 season.

Widseth, who now lives in Memphis, was one of a few Vol cagers ever to hold down a starting position for four varsity seasons. A superstar high school performer out of Davenport, Iowa, the lean 6-4 center took over the post position in his freshman season of 1952-53 and was a fixture through his senior season of 1955-56. During those four campaigns the man his teammates called "Spook" because of his light, Scandinavian complexion, set Vol scoring records that were to endure into the Grunfeld-King era.

I have always thought that Widseth was the best Tennessee basketball player who was ever named to the All-American team. He was the quintessential back-to-the-basket post man, with wonderful footwork and a deadly old-fashioned, long, sweeping hook shot. With his long arms and legs he played much taller than his height, and in the Southeastern Conference of four decades ago, he was the one man that every opposing coach set his defense to try and stop.

In February of '56, Widseth scored 47 points in a tough road win at Auburn, leading the Vols to a 91-87 upset over the favored Tigers. That broke the old Vol scoring record by 13 points, and it was to stand until Ron Widby scored 50 against LSU at Stokely Athletic Center in 1967. He wound up that season as UT's all-time career scoring leader with 1683 points in 88 games for a 19.1 points-per-game average. He also left holding the school records in rebounds, field goals, free throws attempted and free throws made.

More than 40 years later two of those records still stand. Perhaps the thing that tells us most clearly what an offensive force he was is his free throw numbers. During his career, Carl went to the foul line a total of 848 times, almost twice as many as runnerup Bernard King! And he was a good foul shooter, too, cashing in on 621 of them for a 73.2 percentage. What that means is that no other player in Vol cage history ever attracted the defensive attention that Widseth did.

As good as they were, Widseth and Wiener could never quite carry the Vols to an SEC championship. Their best season together was 1954-55 when the team ended up with a 15-7 record after leading the conference race into the last three games. They were roommates as well as co-stars on the floor, and each served as captain in his senior season. Widseth, a free spirit who greeted the new rule that required a player who had committed a foul to raise his hand, by extending the middle finger upwards until Coach Lowery discouraged that practice, was a two-time All-SEC choice.

Former Vol

Bill Justus

(1967-69)

Bill Justus, better known during his playing career as "The Adrenaline Kid," was named to the 1969 All-America team. It was part of a storied Vol career in which he garnered high praise for his work ethic and ability to play hoops while keeping sight of his academics.

In 1968, Justus earned his first All-America honor, not for his athletic ability, but for his academic ability while garnering first team Academic All-SEC. Justus was equally proficient on the hardwood. In 1969, he led the SEC and the nation in free throw percentage, hitting over 90 percent of his tosses. A member of the 1967 SEC Championship team, Justus earned such top team honors as team MVP ('69), Free Throw Shooting Award ('69), and Tennessee Thoroughbred from 1967-69.

He is described by his peers as "seldom equaled as one-on-one offensive player," and "a great competitor who leads by example." Even the legendary Adolph Rupp stated that "we just don't have anybody who can handle people like Maravich or that kid at Tennessee (Bill Justus)."

Justus is self-employed as a sporting goods and apparel representative for sports manufacturers after spending a couple of years with Converse.

Bill Justus, shown here with Coach Ray Mears, admits he "is still Orange all the way through." He now lives in Nashville.

Vols Off to a 10-0 Start Heading Into SEC Play

After winning the first eight games of the season at home, the Vols hit the road heading to Memphis then to Los Angeles for two more non-conference tilts.

The result was two victories and a 10-0 start to the season. The win over Memphis snapped a 11-game road losing streak.

This is the best start to a season for the Vols since the 1915-16 season. That year the Vols went 12-0 under coach Zora G. Clevenger.

The Vols squared off against the University of Southern California in Los Angeles on Dec. 30, and it was quite a homecoming for sophomore Vegas Davis.

Davis who hails from nearby Parker, Ariz., had a career high 23 points to lead the Vols to a 74-70 victory.

Tennessee took control of the game midway through the second half with a 15-3 run.

With the scored tied at 48 with 15:30 to play, C.J. Black hit a short jumper to start the run. Six minutes later, the Vols held a 63-51 advantage. The Vols held off a later surge by the Trojans to secure the win.

Davis hit 5-7 from 3-point range, and as a team the Vols hit 11-21.

Brandon Wharton hit three 3-pointers and finished the game with 16 points.

Southern Cal was paced by Adam Spanich with 15, and Shannon Swillis with 13.

Tennessee was up to its old tricks Dec. 20 in Memphis as the Vols rallied from a 13-point deficit to beat the Tigers at the Pyramid. It was the third come-from-behind victory for the Vols this season.

It was joyous homecoming for freshman and Memphis native Tony Harris. Harris paced four players in double figures with 18 points.

Other Tennessee players in double figures were Wharton with 13, Black with 12 and Davis with 11.

The Tigers led 57-44 with 13:31 remaining when Keldrick Bradford scored on a breakaway layup. Memphis maintained an 11-point lead at 59-48 when Jermaine Ousley, who had a game-high 30 points, hit an 8-footer with 10:40 remaining.

But over the next six and one-half minutes, Memphis could manage only a pair of free throws by Omar Sneed, and the Vols went on a 15-2 run, including 12 unanswered points.

By the time the run was over, Tennessee had taken a 63-61 lead on a dunk by Isiah Victor.

Memphis would lead by two once more, and the score was tied at 65-65 with 2:34 left.

Redshirt freshman Isiah Victor has earned himself a spot in the starting lineup, and will have to fill a void left by the injured Charles Hathaway. Victor is averaging nearly 10 points a game this season.

But Wharton's driving layup with 1:53 remaining gave Tennessee a 67-65 advantage, and the Vols never trailed again. He hit a the front end of a 1-and-1 with 2.9 seconds left to seal the victory.

Boxscores

Tennessee 74, Southern Cal 70

Tennessee (10-0)

Davis 8-12 2-3 23, Black 2-6 4-4 8, Victor 2-5 0-1 4, A. Harris 3-11 0-3 7, Wharton 5-12 3-5 16, Sewell 0-0 0-0 0, Baker 0-0 0-0 0, Moore 0-0 0-0 0, T. Harris 1-2 0-1 2, Lee 5-8 2-2 14. TOTALS 26-56 11-19 74.

Southern California (4-6)

Trepagnier 1-6 2-2 4, Swillis 5-7 2-4 13, Lakey4-10 0-1 8, Augustine 1-7 6-9 8, Johnson 4-11 2-4 11, Williams 3-3 0-0 6, White 2-3 0-1 4, Spanich 6-17 0-0 15, Sims 0-1 0-0 0, Souferian 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 26-65 12-21 70.

Halftime score: Tennessee 41, Southern Cal 36. 3-point field goals: Tennessee 11-21 (A. Harris 1-4, Wharton 3-8, Davis 5-7, Lee 2-2), Southern Cal 6-21 (Trepagnier 0-2, Swillis 1-1, Lakey 0-1, Augustine 0-1, Johnson 1-5, Williams 1-1, Spanich 3-10). Rebounds: Tennessee 39 (Black 10, Victor 7), Southern Cal 38 (Swillis 9, Augustine 5, Johnson 5, Spanich 5). Assists: Tennessee 15 (A. Harris 5, Wharton 5), Southern Cal 19 (Augustine 7, Johnson 5). Total Fouls: Tennessee 23, Southern Cal 18. Fouled out: A. Harris (Tennessee), Johnson (Southern Cal). Attendance: 3204.

Tennessee 68, Memphis 66

Tennessee (9-0)

Davis 5-11 0-1 11, Black 4-7 4-6 12, Victor 4-8 0-0 8, Wharton 4-10 3-5 13, A. Harris 8-19 0-2 18, Lee 2-8 0-1, Baker 0-0 0-0 0, T. Harris 1-1 0-0 2. TOTALS 28-64 7-15 68.

Memphis (3-2)

Hopson 0-0 1-2 1, Sneed 9-11 10-11 30, Ousley 4-14 2-6 10, Moody 2-8 0-0 5, Golden 4-12 1-3 11, Chatman 0-0 0-0 0, Bradford 3-8 1-3 7, Harris 0-0 0-1 0, Allen 1-2 0-0 2. TOTALS 23-55 15-27 66.

Halftime score: Memphis 39, Tennessee 27. 3-point field goals: Tennessee 5-21 (Davis 1-6, Black 0-1, Victor 0-1, Wharton 2-3, Harris 2-8, Lee 0-2), Memphis 5-13 (Sneed 2-3, Ousley 0-1, Moody 1-4, Golden 2-4, Allen 0-1). Rebounds: Tennessee 40 (Black 8, Lee 8), Memphis 37 (Ousley 12, Sneed 9). Assists: Tennessee 10 (Black 3, Davis 2, Wharton 2), Memphis 11 (Allen 4, Ousley 3). Total fouls: Tennessee 24, Memphis 17. Attendance: 19,509.

—Rob Hardin

THIS WEEK IN BIG ORANGE COUNTRY

GREAT EXPECTATIONS IN 1998

For the second straight season, the Volunteers have to reload in the pitching department. Tennessee returns only two regular pitchers, one starter and one reliever, and one two-way player with a significant amount of innings. Finding three top arms will be key as the Vols once again face a tough non-conference schedule and a league slate with four College World Series teams from a year ago.

The Vols return a majority of the potent line up that set seven single-season offensive marks, including home runs, total bases and doubles. Seven of the nine return to make up that potent lineup. Add to that, outfielder Sonny Cortez, who sat out last season with a broken hand, and Tennessee should once again be power laden.

"I really like the team we have for the upcoming season," said Vol skipper Rod Delmonico. "We have a lot of quality depth at every position and, except for two players, we could field exactly the same team that broke seven hitting records last season.

"Offensively, I couldn't be more happy. With the addition of Donnie Ross, who has tremendous bat speed, and the return of Cortez and Jason Evans, I think we have the opportunity to exceed the numbers we put up last season.

"We also brought in some quality freshmen that have shown they can hit throughout their prep careers.

"Defensively, we have to improve from last year. With the schedule we have this year, and a young pitching staff that needs confidence to know they can pitch on this level, we have to be able to perform behind them," said Delmonico.

The 1998 schedule is another demanding one for the Vols as they play four 1997 College World Series teams in LSU, Alabama, Auburn and Mississippi State, and three teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference in Florida State, North Carolina State and Duke.

The schedule finds Tennessee playing 28 teams that combined for a .600 winning percentage, and 10 teams that reached regional play.

Tennessee plays in two in-season tournaments. The Vols open the season at the Disney Classic, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, in the earliest season opener ever. The Volunteers will also take on three tough opponents at the Southern Challenge, Feb. 13-15, in Charleston, S.C.

After two weekends of non-conference play against Mercer in Macon, Ga., and home against Morehead State, the Vols open the 10-week SEC slate with back-to-back road trips to Mississippi State and South Carolina. The Vols have home league weekends against Kentucky, Florida, Arkansas, Auburn, and Vanderbilt. The three remaining road trips are at georgia and Alabama on back-to-back weekends and the final road swing to LSU.

The SEC Tournament will be held at Hoover-Met Stadium in Birmingham, Ala., May 14-17, with regionals and the College World Series following the next two weeks.

"Our schedule is as tough as it has ever been. Playing the caliber of teams that we play early, can only help us when we hit league play," said Delmonico. "Also, playing 18 of our first 23 games on the road will give us a good gauge of where we stand heading into the heart of the season."

THINGS TO LOOK FOR:

1. Delmonico needs only 10 wins to reach the 350 win plateau, and he needs 17 wins to reach 150 wins in league competition.

2. With only 15 more victories the Vols will reach win No. 1400 for the program.

3. With only seven league victories, the Vols will have reached the 500th league win mark.

—Jeff Muir

Junior Justin Ross returns for the Vols as do seven other players from last season's offensive record-setting team.

Junior Kim Obiala and her teammates, showing signs of improvement, look to better their record next season.

NEW COACH HELPS VOLLEYBALL PROGRESS

The team finished with a 15-19 overall record, but progress was the theme of the 1997 volleyball Lady Vols' season. Under first-year head coach Rob Patrick, Tennessee accomplished several things that had not happened in recent seasons. A regionally televised match on the Fox Sport South network, a victory over Alabama in the first round of the SEC Tournament, a record-setting contest against UNC Asheville and an all-time high seven athletes named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll were just a few of the highlights the team notched during the campaign.

The season started at the Tennessee Preview, where the Lady Vols jumped out to a 3-1 record, its best start since 1991. Against host Chattanooga, Tennessee hit .440 as a team, its highest mark since 1988.

But a tough stretch would follow, with two more road tournaments which included six teams that would eventually participate in the 1997 NCAA Tournament. UT was unable to snare a victory in either the Ameritech Classic at Indiana or the Arby's Classic at Nebraska.

During this stretch a trend started that plagued the team all season as sophomore middle blocker Mindy Britten went down with a career-ending back injury. By the end of the year, Tennessee had lost three to career-ending injuries and an additional one to a season-ending injury. After its first 11 matches on the road, Tennessee returned home to host the Lady Vol Classic. A heart-breaking, five-game loss to Pittsburgh opened the event, but the team responded and took a win over Iowa in the finale.

The winning streak moved to four, including two victories at home over Mississippi State and Ole Miss, clinching the best conference start in nine years. Squeezed in between Iowa and Mississippi State was a road victory over Appalachian State which featured the first appearance of junior setter Christy Warren, who had sat out 13 matches due to an injury.

Back on the road, UT took split its next four contests, defeating Alabama and Louisiana State. Non-conference victories over Radford, Eastern Kentucky, UNC Asheville, and Western Carolina broke up a stretch of SEC losses to the Eastern Division powerhouses of Georgia, South Carolina and Florida, after posting a 4-2 mark against the Western Division.

An exciting four-game match with UNCA was punctuated with four marks that were among the best-ever in NCAA Division I history. Among the matches' other highlights were junior middle blocker Kim Obiala's 30 digs (fourth best in UT history) and the only triple-double of the season by Christy Warren (the first of her career).

After eight straight losses to conference foes, the Lady Vols got back on track on Senior Day with an historic home match against Kentucky in the final contest to be played in Alumni Gym. For the first time in school history a volleyball match was televised regionally. It turned out to be a perfect affair for the viewing public, as the Lady Vols rallied to win the contest in four games and finish with the No. 4 position on the SEC Eastern Division ladder with a 5-9 conference mark.

—Brad Laux

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VASF News and Notes

NCAA Q & A

Here is the last installment of NCAA Q & A for a while. This issue's topic regards complimentary admissions to University events. Each player, manager, and trainer who is participating in a game will receive a few complimentary admission passes for that event.

They can not be purchased by anyone, especially athletic representatives. All ***VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE*** subscribers, as well as all VASF donors, are considered to be University of Tennessee athletic representatives by the NCAA. The VASF would like to stress the importance of these guidelines provided by the NCAA. Everyone wants Tennessee to win, but in Knoxville it is important to win fairly because the Vols and Lady Vols have outstanding programs.

QUESTION: Is it possible for anyone to buy player tickets for personal use?

ANSWER: No. No tickets can be sold. Complimentary tickets are limited to specific individuals to use for certain events. Anyone who does buy player tickets from a player will jeopardize that player's, as well as the University's, eligibility to compete. Each student-athlete receives complimentary passes for an event and must designate those tickets with names. Player tickets are intended for use by the player's immediate family only. Family members must produce identification when picking up their tickets a few hours before the game begins. Athletic representatives should under no circumstances contact, attempt to contact, or purchase a player's complimentary admissions.

1997 Tax Summaries

Please keep your acknowledgement letter that the VASF sends after each gift is made. The VASF would like to remind everyone that it only sends tax acknowledgement letters as the gifts are received. There will NOT be an end-of-the-year letter stating all 1997 contributions. Contact the Athletic Development office at (423) 974-1218 for more information.

VASF Donor Deadline is March 1

The deadline for contributions for priority on football benefits, including home season tickets, is March 1, 1998. The contributions must be received in the VASF Office by March 1. Now is a great time to go ahead and make your 1998 contribution and help the VASF reach its goal for 1998. There are many athletes' scholarships to fund. You may charge your donation by phone with VISA, MasterCard, or Discover Cards if you like by dialing the VASF office at (423) 974-1218

Personalized 1998 VASF Contribution Cards Are on the Way

The VASF Office has just finished mailing out contribution cards to all donors who have not yet made a 1998 gift. These cards list the 1997 gift, as well as all monies received for 1998 priority. If you do not receive your personalized contribution card by Jan. 15, call the VASF Office at (423) 974-1218.

VASF Drive Begins Anew

The 1998 Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund Drive will commence this month with the annual Fund Drive Worker Kick-Off Meetings. The Fund Drive is the coordinated efforts of some dedicated Volunteer faithful who help increase the financial support for the athletic department by welcoming new members into VASF. Workers are divided into geographic teams. Team and individual prizes are available. Some of the prizes in the past few years have included away football and bowl trips, televisions and other electronics, and the team prize: the opportunity to "run through the "T"" before a home football game in front of 106,000 screaming fans. If you are interested in being a worker on the fund drive, call the VASF Office at (423) 974-1218.

VASF to Announce Anticipated Donor Minimums for 1998 Football Benefits

Watch this space next week for something special. In response to numerous member requests, the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund staff will estimate the minimum donor levels and point totals for away football game ticket priority and home game parking priority for the 1998 season. While these minimums are tentative and may change between now and the time the actual applications for tickets are mailed in April, these approximations should help shed some light on the sometimes-confusing process.

Men's Free Basketball Parking

The athletic department will sponsor free basketball parking and shuttle service from Tennessee's agricultural campus this year for all home games. Contact parking services at (423) 974-6011 for more information. The next men's home basketball game is Sat. Jan. 17, 1998, against Mississippi. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.

Baseball Season Tickets

Applications for 1998 Baseball Season Tickets are now available. Reserved Bleacher-Back and bleacher General Admission seats are still available. Don't miss a game on the home slate this year. If you are interested in obtaining some of these great tickets, contact Chip Bryant in the Marketing office at (423) 974-1218.

Baseball Renewals

1998 Baseball Season Ticket renewal notices have been mailed. They are due in the Ticket Office by Jan. 15, 1998. Spring is just around the corner. Don't miss your opportunity to once again see the BaseVols in action this year in beautiful Lindsey Nelson Stadium. Call the UT Ticket Office at (423) 656-1200 if you have not yet received your renewal application.

1998 Lead-Off Banquet

The 1998 Tennessee Lead-Off Banquet will be held at Thompson-Boling Arena on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. Former Tennessee BaseVol Rick Honeycutt will be the keynote speaker, and the meal will be catered by Calhoun's of Knoxville. Tickets are $20 per person or $160 for a table seating eight. Sponsored tables are also available for $275. Each sponsored table will only seat seven because the eighth will be either a Tennessee player or staff member. Two lucky guests from each sponsored table will also have the privilege of attending a private social with Honeycutt before the event. For more information or to reserve your space now, call Chip Bryant in the Marketing Office at (423) 974-1218.

Baseball Birthday Parties

This year kids of all ages will have the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays in style with Tennessee baseball. Each complete birthday party includes tickets and beverages for 12. Also included are three large pizzas, an autographed baseball for that special someone, a visit by a Tennessee player or coach, and public address and message board recognition during the game. Each complete birthday party is $80. For more information about this exciting new program, contact the Athletic Development Office at (423) 974-1218.

— Steve Sams

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Honeycutt to Speak at Banquet

Former major leaguer and Tennessee Vol pitcher Rick Honeycutt will be the featured speaker at the 1998 Tennessee Baseball Leadoff banquet to be held Jan. 22, 1998 at Thompson-Boling Arena at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for $20 per person or $160 for a table of eight. Corporate tables are also available for $275. Tickets may be ordered by calling the Tennessee baseball office at (423) 974-2057.

Baseball Vols Ranked 13th

With baseball season only weeks away, the Tennessee Volunteers baseball team is ranked 13th by Collegiate Baseball magazine. The Vols finished the 1997 season with a 42-19 record, reaching the Midwest Regional. Stanford was tabbed as preseason No. 1, followed by the 1997 national champion LSU Tigers and then the Florida Gators.

In all the SEC placed six schools in the Top 25, including Alabama (8), Mississippi State (11), and Auburn (22).

AquaVols Ranked Fifth

The College Swim Coaches of America poll released its Speedo America Top 25 poll on Dec. 18, and had the 3-1 Vols ranked fifth behind Stanford, Auburn, Texas (who dealt the Vols their only loss of the young season), and Georgia.

Holdsclaw Not Going Pro

Lady Vol basketball junior forward Chamique Holdsclaw recently announced that she would return to Tennessee for her senior season and stave off a professional career with either the Women's National Basketball Association or the American Basketball League for one year. Holdsclaw, a frontrunner for the Naismith Award, is on track to receive her degree in political science in 1999 and will pass up the opportunity to become the first collegiate women's player to leave college a year early.

Volleyball Has Most Academic All-SEC Selections Ever

A total of seven Lady Vol volleyball players made the Academic All-SEC list, the most ever in UT volleyball history. Tennessee and Georgia tied with the most representatives, as UT surpassed its previous high of three athletes - a mark reached multiple times, including last year. The seven were: three-time recipients senior Jenny Meeks and senior Kerry Ginter; two-time honorees junior Mary Heinecke, junior Kim Obiala and junior Christy Warren; and first-time selections junior Lynn Lovingier and sophomore Lauren Clayton.

Swimming Moves Up in Poll

After sitting in 12th in the prior Speedo Americas College Swimming Coaches Association Top 25 Poll, the Tennessee Lady Vols moved up one spot to 11th. With a perfect 4-0 record, UT sits 30 points behind Auburn and Minnesota, which are each tied for ninth, and eight points ahead of Texas in 12th. Six SEC schools are in the poll, led by Georgia in fourth. Stanford, Southern Cal and Southern Methodist own the top three spots.

Basketball Tops In Polls, Attendance

In both the Associated Press and the USA TODAY/ESPN Top 25 polls, Tennessee remained in the No. 1 position. Following the Lady Vols in both polls were Old Dominion, Connecticut, Louisiana Tech and North Carolina in the top five. After nine games, the Lady Vols were also the national attendance leader with an 9,978 at-home average. UT topped second-place Connecticut at 9,371.

Zenner, Ludden Leave To Pursue Other Opportunities

Two members of the Lady Vol coaching staff have decided to leave Tennessee to pursue other opportunities. Six-year volleyball assistant Kim Zenner is departing to pursue a head coaching vacancy, while second-year rowing assistant Kyran Ludden is taking an opening as a teacher in the Oak Ridge school system.

Swimming and Diving Perform Well at Meets

The Lady Vol swimming and diving team split recently to compete in two different meets. Coach Dan Collela's swimmers finished second at the Georgia Invitational, while Coach Dave Parrington's divers were led by junior All-American Kathy Pesek's three top-eight finishes at the University of Texas Invitational. Three swimmers captured first in their events, junior All-American Sarah Nichols in the 1,650y freestyle, senior All-American Fabiola Molina in the 200y backstroke and the 4x400y freestyle relay team. In diving, Pesek brought home the gold in the platform, was third in the three-meter and sixth in the one-meter. Junior Alicia Ball also finished, ninth, 10th and ninth, respectively, in those events.

—Volunteers Magazine Staff

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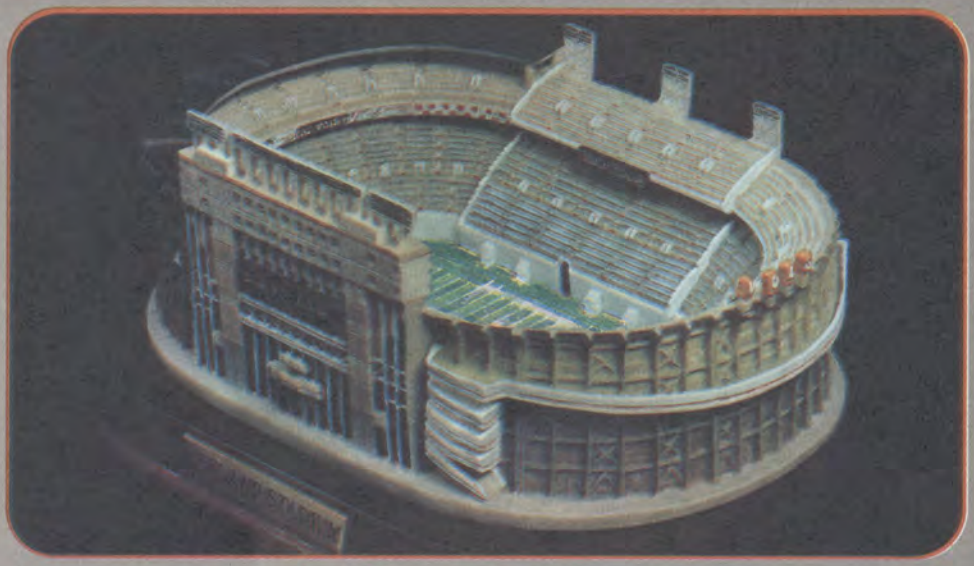

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Lady Vol Hoops Action...

Lady Vols Capture Northern Lights Invitational

Tennessee knocked off 9th ranked Wisconsin en route to capturing the Northern Lights Invitational in Anchorage, Alaska.

Tennessee used a 53% first half shooting to build a 47-33 lead. The second half Tennessee shot just under 50% to take the championship 87-66 and improve to 13-0.

The top-ranked Lady Vols were led by a pair of freshmen, Tamika Catchings and Semeka Randall. Catchings netted a game high 27 points with 10-14 performance including 2-4 from downtown while collecting five steals. Randall connected on 6-9 and was 8-9 from the free throw line. Chamique Holdsclaw added 16 points and a game high 10 rebounds while Kellie Jolly contributed 11 points as she hit on 3-4 from beyond the arc.

Wisconsin (66)

Sims 4-10 2-2 10, Boston 1-3 1-2 4, Voigt 4-13 1-2 9, pate 1-2 0-0 2, Klapperich 12-18 1-1 25, Klongland 0-0 0-0 0, Paulus 4-9 2-3 10, Hartwig 2-2 2-2 6, Rhodes 0-0 0-0 0, Konieczny 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-57 9-12 66.

Tennessee (87)

Holdsclaw 8-21 0-0 16, Catchings 10-14 5-8 27, Stephens 0-0 2-4 2, Randall 6-9 8-9 20, Jolly 3-7 2-2 11, Elzy 0-1 0-0 0, Greene 0-1 0-0 0, Laxton 0-1 0-0 0, Clement 3-5 3-4 9, Geter 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 31-62 20-27 87.

The Lady Vols are off and running, winning their first 13 games going into the Christmas Holidays.

Lady Vols Pound Texas A&M, 105-81

The top-ranked Lady Vols extended its record to 12-0 on the season with a 105-81 win over Texas A&M at the Northern Lights Invitational.

Chamique Holdsclaw, Tamika Catchings, and Semeka Randall all scored in the 20's to the Big Orange to victory. Holdsclaw's 29 points were a season high as were her seven assists. Catchings notched a double-double with 21 points and 12 boards while Randall chipped in 23 points. Kellie Jolly was the other Lady Vol in double figures as she figured in for 14.

Tennessee shot at a .581 clip from the floor including .571 from behind the arc but only a paltry .577 from the line. Tennessee outrebounded the Aggies 45-19 en route to the win.

Texas A&M (81)

Sharpe 2-6, 5-6 9, Yates 4-11 4-5 14, Linder 1-1 0-0 2, Tarkington 3-8 3-8 10, Patterson 5-9 2-3 12, Jones 7-13 0-1 14, Alexander 5-8 3-5 14, Beard 1-1 0-0 2, Burrows 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 30-60 17-28 81.

Tennessee (105)

Holdsclaw 13-20 3-6 29, Catchings 8-13 3-4 21, Stephens 1-5 0-0 2, Elzy 1-3 0-0 2, Jolly 5-7 2-5 14, Butts 0-1 1-2 1, Greene 0-1 2-2 2, Randall 10-15 3-5 23, Laxton 0-0 1-2 1, Clement 1-4 0-0 2, Geter 4-5 1-3 8. Totals 43-74 15-26 105.

Tennessee Wins Opener in Alaska

The Lady Vols used runs of 16-5 and 14-2 to open up a 30-7 lead over Akron in the Northern Lights Invitational in Anchorage, Alaska, winning going away 98-63.

Tennessee shot its best all season as it connected on 60% of the shots taken. Tamika Catchings was busy as Akron sought to stop Chamique Holdsclaw. The duo had 21 and 15 points respectively. LaShonda Stephens and Kristen Clement also netted double figures with 13 and 12.

The Lady Vol 'D' had 21 steals en route to forcing 29 turnovers.

Akron (63)

Hubbard 1-3 0-0 2, Bowles 1-7 5-6 7, Braaten 3-6 0-0 6, Hoy 4-9 0-0 11, Glover 0-4 0-0 0, Marks 6-10 2-2 16, Timco 0-3 0-0 0, Zwisler 2-2 0-0 6, Krivak 4-4 0-0 9, croston 0-3 0-0 0, Scott 3-6 0-0 3, Starr 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-57 7-8 63.

Tennessee (98)

Holdsclaw 7-13 1-2 15, Catchings 9-13 1-1 21, Stephens 6-10 1-1 13, Elzy 2-6 4-6 13, Jolly 2-4 2-2 6, Butts 0-2 0-1 0, Greene 3-5 0-0 7, Randall 3-4 3-3 9, Laxton 1-1 1-3 3, Clement 6-7 0-0 12, Geter 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 41-68 13-19 98.

Tennessee Tops Illinois 78-68 in a Battle of Conferences

It was a tale of two halves as Tennessee made the biggest home comeback in its history against fifth-ranked Illinois in front of over 7,000 at Thompson-Boling Arena. Tennessee rallied from a 41-24 deficit at halftime to emerge with a 78-68 victory in the SEC/Big-10 Challenge.

Tennessee had a horrible shooting performance in the first half connecting on just seven of 30 shots and were outrebounded 27-13. However, Tennessee used a defensive surge to gain back the lead in the second half to erase a 22 point deficit. The Big Orange shot 17-35 in the second half including 5-6 from downtown and out rebounded Illinois 26-15.

The Catchings sisters traded hoops throughout the night, but it was Tamika who came out with player of the game nominations. The freshman netted a game high 20 points and 13 rebounds. Her sister Tauja had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Illini.

Chamique Holdsclaw contributed 19 points, nine rebounds and five steals while Semeka Randall had 13 points and four steals. Kellie Jolly chipped in 10 points including 2-2 from beyond the arc. The defense tallied 17 steals and forced 25 Illinois turnovers. Ashley Berggren and Katie Coleman led the way for the Fighting Illini with 17 and 15 points respectively.

Illinois (68)

Catchings 5-19 3-4 13, Sheeler 2-9 1-3 5, Vasey 1-3 0-0 2, Parker 3-5 0-0 9, Coleman 3-7 8-10 15, Berggren 5-8 7-8 17, Reinking 0-2 2-2 2, Leonhardt 2-3 1-1 5. Totals 21-56 22-28 68.

Tennessee (78)

Holdsclaw 8-16 3-4 19, Catchings 5-12 8-9 20, Stephens 0-5 1-4 1, Elzy 2-6 5-5 9, Jolly 3-5 2-4 10, Randall 4-13 4-4 13, Geter 0-3 2-2 2, Clement 2-4 0-0 4, Greene 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-65 25-32 78.

—Lady Vols Sports Information

The Last Word...

"A Look Back at 1997!"

As our "Last Word" for 1997, the year just ended, here's a look at some of the things we brought you in these pages since Jan. 1 last.

Florida Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla., Jan. 1, 1997 -- "Today's 52nd Florida Citrus Bowl game was supposed to be a David and Goliath matchup, pitting the bruising infantry of the Big 10, exemplified by co-champ Northwestern, against the quick-strike aerial attack of the SEC, portrayed by the good guys in the white shirts, the University of Tennessee Volunteers. You remember how the story of David and Goliath ended and today was no different.

"The good guys won 48-28 in a game that, if nothing else struck a blow for sartorial sanity, as the white-clad Vols took the measure of the Wildcats, dressed, if you can believe it, in shirts and purple pants."

—Tennessee 48, Northwestern 28

March 5, 1997— "I knew I wanted to be 100 percent sure in my decision. Somebody asked me this morning what was the one thing that helped sway my opinion and helped me decide. There wasn't one thing. Just like when I signed here, it was just sort of a feeling. I've made up my mind and don't ever expect to look back. I'm going to stay at the University of Tennessee."

— Peyton Manning on deciding to remain at the University of Tennessee for his senior year

April 1, 1997— "The University of Tennessee has everything that it needs except with a little tradition the last 10 or 12 years, to be a national program. I look at it as an opportunity, not an obstacle.

"We have a saying, 'Be led by your dreams, not by your fears. My dreams are to be back in that group we just left up there sometime in the Final Four, and I do not know when that is going to be. It could be soon, depending on those guys in the short pants over there. They make a lot more points and play a lot better defense than I do."

— Jerry Green on becoming UT's 15th head basketball coach.

April 2, 1997 — "I always believe we can win the game. During the season, I thought I was crazy, but I didn't tell the team that.

"We're trying to promote the game and put people in the seats. One of the best ways to do that is not only to exciting players, but bring in exciting teams. I'm pretty much locked into that philosophy. This year, I put it together with the confidence that our team could handle it.

"We were not supposed to be there. When we got there, we were not expected to win it, although I think people felt we could get into the championship game. I don't think anyone other than Tennessee fans really thought Tennessee's going to win this thing."

— Pat Summitt on the Lady Vols' surge to the 1997 NCAA Championship.

June 2, 1997 — "The most famous of the Rocky Tops was born out of a diversion into a hotel room in Gatlinburg by two songwriters (Felice and Boudleaux Bryant) who came there to get a way from the hustle and bustle of the country music business in Nashville.

"Today, 30 years later from when it was written, 25 years away from that long-forgotten halftime show, 'Rocky Top' still puts smiles on the faces of Volunteer fans."

Al Wilson and Leonard Little played a vital role in the success of Vol football in 1997. Photo courtesy of Action Sports.

— On the 30th anniversary of the composing of "Rocky Top'

Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala., October 18, 1997 — "Shawn Bryson is no longer a 'Face in the Crowd,' as he was in *Sports Illustrated* on Oct. 24, 1986, when he was a nine-year old in Franklin, N.C.

"Bryson joined a number of other Vols who stepped front and center as Tennessee overcame an early 6-0 deficit to take a decisive 38-21 win here tonight before 83,091 and an ESPN television audience.

"A 6-0 first quarter deficit was nothing to this bunch of Vols, now 5-1 over- all and 3-1 in the SEC. The Vols hit a 21-point trifecta in the first half, widened the lead to 28-6 midway in the third quarter and held off a mild Tide threat that closed the gap to 28-14 before cruising home with the 17-point victory."

— On the Vols' 38-21 victory over Alabama

The Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 9, 1997 — "Let us hear it for the champs! Tennessee's never-say-die Volunteers overcame all sorts of adversity to take the school's 12th SEC championship lock, stock and barrel before a record crowd here tonight. The final was 30-29 and the issue was in doubt until the Vols' sensational freshman, tailback Jamal Lewis, swept right end for 18 yards and a first down inside the last minute and the celebration was on. It was, as AD Doug Dickey often says, a 'defining moment' for the Vol program."

— On the Vols' winning the SEC Championship Game by 30-29 over Auburn

December 19, 1997 — "It was indicative of Peyton Manning's character that he was the first to congratulate Michigan's Charles Woodson when the 1997 Heisman Trophy winner was announced Dec. 13 in New York City. If you knew Peyton, you wouldn't have expected any less.

"'Long after Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson of Michigan departed into a cold, windy night near the World Trade Center, long after other Heisman candidates Ryan Leaf of Washington State and Randy Moss of Marshall were gone," Knoxville News-Sentinel reporter Jimmy Hyams wrote, "there Peyton manning stood, answering countless questions and obliging autograph-seekers when you knew he'd rather be somewhere else.'

"The Heisman Awards Show was the final chapter of a week in which Vol quarterback Manning did the University of Tennessee proud, just as he's done ever since he came to Knoxville as an 18-year old freshman in 1994."

"Fresh off leading the Vols to the SEC title in Atlanta Dec. 6, Manning showed another side of his persona on "The David Letterman Show" the next Monday night, matching the CBS personality one-liner for one-liner and tossing a football through a second-story window outside the CBS Ed Sullivan studio, then seeing Letterman do likewise.

"The next day, when the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Awards convened at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, he was named the Burger King - Vincent dePaul Draddy Scholar-Athlete of the Year, which brought Peyton an $18,000 post-graduate scholarship and the UT General Scholarship Fund $125,000.

"Two days later, it was the Home Depot Awards ceremonies in Orlando, when Peyton was named winner of the Maxwell Award as the nation's finest player, the Davey O'Brien Award as the top quarterback, and the Honda Scholar-Athlete Award. He also won a berth on the AP All-America team. On Friday night, he accepted the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award in ceremonies in Louisville. His week of activities culminated at the Heisman Awards Show.

"It was a dazzling run for Peyton, who had to have impressed everyone who saw him with his impassioned love for college football and his poise and polish under the relentless media attention thrust upon him since he decided to come back to UT for his senior season on March 5.

"Tennessee people all across the width and breadth of Big Orange Country, however you define that unique term, had to have seen something special in this young man. It all sent the memory banks into overdrive, looking back on what Peyton meant to all of us here at UT."

— On Peyton Manning's week of awards after the SEC Championship Game

— Compiled by Tom Mattingly and Donnell Field

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